

CCY		Price	Change
AUD-USD	▼	0.9258	-0.0003
EUR-GBP	▼	0.8771	-0.0027
EUR-USD	▲	1.4398	0.0016
GBP-AUD	▲	1.7732	0.0088
GBP-CAD	▲	1.6845	0.0075
GBP-EUR	▲	1.1401	0.0038
GBP-NZD	▲	2.2186	0.0079
GBP-USD	▲	1.6416	0.0076
NZD-USD	▲	0.7400	0.0011
USD-CAD		1.0261	0.0000
USD-JPY	▼	90.57	-0.2100

## UK

- Sterling hit a six-week high against the dollar, drawing strength after reports that U.S.-based Kraft Foods Inc and Britain's Cadbury Plc were arranging a \$19 billion deal to create the world's largest confectionery group, traders said. The pound rose to a six-week high of \$1.6422, supported by firmer UK housing data and speculation of more M&A-related inflows.
- U.K. Inflation Rate Probably Jumped Most on Record in December: Jan. 19 (Bloomberg) -- The U.K.'s inflation rate probably jumped the most in at least 12 years in December as the economy shook off the recession and oil prices rose, economists say. Consumer prices climbed 2.6 percent from a year earlier, compared with a 1.9 percent gain the previous month, according to the median forecast of 30 economists in a Bloomberg News survey. The 0.7 percentage-point jump would be the most since comparable records began in 1997. The Office for National Statistics will publish the data at 9.30 a.m. today in London. The data would be the first since May showing inflation above the Bank of England's 2 percent target, presenting a challenge to officials as they assess when to start raising interest rates from a record low. Gordon Brown's spokesman said last week that the prime minister, who faces an election by June, is confident the economy has returned to growth.

### Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
GBP	Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC)	09:30	04:30	2.6%	1.9%
GBP	Core Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC)	09:30	04:30	2.3%	1.9%
GBP	Retail Price Index (DEC)	09:30	04:30	217.3	216.6
GBP	Retail Price Index (MoM) (DEC)	09:30	04:30	0.3%	0.3%

## USA

### Figures out today:

USD	Net Long-term TIC Flows (NOV)	14:00	09:00	\$30.0B	\$20.7B
USD	NAHB Housing Market Index (JAN)	18:00	13:00	17	16

## Europe

### Figures out today:

EUR	German ZEW Survey (Economic Sentiment) (JAN)	10:00	05:00	50.0	50.4
EUR	German ZEW Survey (Current Situation) (JAN)	10:00	05:00	-56.2	-60.6
EUR	Euro-Zone ZEW Survey (Economic Sentiment) (JAN)	10:00	05:00	48.0	48.0
EUR	Euro-Zone Construction Output s.a. (MoM) (NOV)	10:00	05:00		-0.6%

- Euro hits 4-mth low vs GBP, recovers from 2-yr low vs AUD: TOKYO, Jan 19 (Reuters) - The euro fell to a four-month low against sterling on Tuesday. At a meeting of eurozone finance ministers on Monday, Greece received the group's backing in tackling its debt troubles, even as they pressed the country to do more on its own.. The news on Greece was enough to help the single currency edge up 0.1 percent to \$1.4395, pulling away from \$1.4335 hit on Monday on trading platform EBS. Greece's ballooning budget deficit and debt of more than 120 percent of gross domestic product has triggered downgrades by debt rating agencies and hurt the euro in the past few months. The euro dropped to a four-month low of 87.63 pence, down about 0.5 percent on the day, with support seen around 87.41 pence. Charts indicate a daily close below there would generate a bearish long-term trend reversal targeting 85.20 and eventually 84.54.

## Canada

CAD	Leading Indicators (MoM) (DEC)	13:30	08:30	1.0%	1.3%
CAD	Bank of Canada Interest Rate Decision	14:00	09:00	0.25%	0.25%

- TORONTO, Jan 18 (Reuters) - The Canadian dollar edged higher against the U.S. currency on Monday as firmer prices for key Canadian exports oil and gold, and steady global equity markets, helped to support the currency. The currency

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was also higher ahead of a Bank of Canada interest rate announcement on Tuesday morning in which the central bank is widely expected to keep rates steady at 0.25 percent. The announcement is due at 9:00 a.m. (1400 GMT).

**Commodities**

- Spot gold was higher at \$1,137.60 per troy ounce, up \$3.10 from the London afternoon fix as it received a boost from gains in platinum and palladium prices and a weaker dollar.
- Oil is mixed Tuesday after the energy minister of major crude producer United Arab Emirates said he was comfortable with current price levels. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for February delivery, gained 23 cents to \$78.23 a barrel.

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